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Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 23 September 1994, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its forty-ninth session the item entitled "Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations: Financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. At its 33rd and 36th meetings, on 16 and 21 December 1994, the Fifth Committee considered the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations". Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/49/SR.33 and 36).

II. CONSIDERATION OF A DRAFT DECISION SUBMITTED BY THE CHAIRMAN

3. At the 36th meeting, on 21 December, the representative of Portugal introduced a draft decision entitled "Support account for peace-keeping operations" (A/C.5/49/L.25), which was submitted on the basis of informal consultations.

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/49/L.25 without a vote (see para. 5).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

5. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Support account for peace-keeping operations

The General Assembly

(a) Decides to authorize, for the period from 1 January to 30 June 1995, three hundred and forty-six established posts, including the conversion from general temporary assistance of one D-1 and one P-5 for the Peace-keeping Financing Division and one D-1 and one P-5 for the Field Missions Procurement Service, and the continuation of the remaining sixty-one general temporary assistance posts funded from the support account for peace-keeping operations in the amount of 14,105,900 United States dollars to be used for the departments and offices as described in annex I to the report of the Secretary-General; 1/

(b) Notes that the contractual arrangements applying to staff recruited specifically for posts financed from the support account provide for rapid adjustments to any decrease in the level of resources available under the current arrangements;

(c) Decides to authorize for a period of six months 86,000 dollars under general temporary assistance for the position of Special Adviser to the Secretary-General and resources for a period of three months for overtime (52,500 dollars), travel on official business (30,000 dollars), training (132,400 dollars) and general temporary assistance (77,900 dollars);

(d) Requests the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to provide a full report on the management and financing of support activities for peace-keeping operations by 15 March 1995, paying particular attention to the need for operational flexibility in response to changing backstopping requirements and to the justification for overall post requirements in this area.

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